

**NAME:**

**FIRST 5 COMMISSION OF SAN DIEGO**

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:**

Ordinance 8985 (NS), adopted on December 8, 1998 (71) - Article IIIP, Section 84.101 and 84.103 of San Diego County Administrative Code; amended by Ordinance 8991 (NS), adopted 12/15/98 (42); Amended by Ordinance 9108, adopted 12/14/99 (26); Board Actions – June 13, 2000 (15), August 8, 2000 (8), and Ordinance 9403 (NS) adopted 11/06/01 (11); October 29, 2002 (13) and Ordinance 9510 (NS).

**MEMBERS**

**APPOINTED BY:**

Board of Supervisors

**MEMBERSHIP**

**COMPOSITION:**

Five Member Commission, of San Diego County residents.

One (1) member shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors nominated by the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors.

Two (2) at-large members shall be nominated by two (2) members of the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

One at-large member shall be nominated each year by the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors to a two year term.

Each year, the member Supervisor shall nominate an at-large member from among candidates in the following categories:

- ◆ Recipients of project services included in the County Strategic plan;
- ◆ Educators specializing in early childhood development;
- ◆ A local child care resource or referral agency;
- ◆ A local childcare coordinating group;
- ◆ A local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk;

- ◆ A community-based organization that has the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development;
- ◆ A local school districts;
- ◆ A local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations or societies;
- ◆ The county health officer;
- ◆ Persons responsible for management of the following County functions:
  - Children's services,
  - public health services,
  - social services,
  - behavioral health services, and
  - Tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

One (1) member shall be the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency.

One (1) member, nominated by the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency, from among the County Health Office and persons responsible for management of the following County functions:

- Children's services,
- Public health services,
- Social services,
- Behavioral health services;
- Tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.

#### **TERMS:**

The member who is a member of the Board of Supervisors shall serve a term concurrent with the term of the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors.

Those at-large members nominated by the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors shall serve two-year terms, except that the at-large member nominated by District 2 and approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 12,

2000, to serve as a member for the 2000-2001 term shall serve through the 2001-2002 term.

Any member whose term has expired hereunder shall continue his or her duties until his or her successor has been appointed.

The Director of the Health and Human Services Agency shall serve a term which shall run concurrent with the Director=s tenure as Director of Health and Human Services Agency.

The member nominated by the Director of the Health and Human Services Agency shall serve a term at the pleasure of the Director.

Any member may be re-appointed to serve additional terms.

#### **DUTIES:**

The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- A. To promote, support and improve the early development of children from prenatal stage to five years of age.
- B. To adopt an adequate and complete strategic plan for the support and improvement of early childhood development within the County.
  - (1) The County strategic plan shall be consistent with, and in furtherance of the purposes of the California Children and Families First Act of 1998 (Act) and any guidelines adopted by the state commission pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 130125 of the Act that are in effect at the time the plan is adopted.
  - (2) The County strategic plan shall minimally include the following: a description of the goals and objectives proposed to be obtained; a description of the programs, services, and projects proposed to be provided, sponsored, or facilitated; and a

description of how measurable outcomes of such programs, services, and projects will be determined by the County Commission using appropriate reliable indicators. The strategic plan shall describe how programs, services, and projects relating to early childhood development within the county will be integrated into a consumer-oriented and easily accessible system.

- (3) The Commission shall minimally review its strategic plan and revise the plan as may be necessary or appropriate on an annual basis.
- C. To conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed strategic plan before the plan is adopted.
- D. To conduct at least one public hearing on its periodic review of the strategic plan before revisions are adopted.
- E. To submit the strategic plan and any subsequent revisions thereto, to the Board of Supervisors for approval and adoption.
- F. To submit its adopted strategic plan and any subsequent revisions thereto, to the state Commission.
- G. To prepare and adopt an annual audit and report pursuant to Section 130150 of the Act. The Commission shall conduct at least one public hearing prior to adopting any annual audit and report.
- H. To conduct at least one public hearing on each annual report prepared by the State Commission pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 130150 of the Act.
- I. To conduct such other duties and functions as required by law or assigned by the Board of Supervisors.
- J. The Commission shall make available to the Board of Supervisors its findings and recommendations and submit an annual report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors prior to the end of each fiscal year.

**MEETING DATE  
AND LOCATION:**

The Commission shall establish a regular meeting schedule and shall give public notice of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with the requirements of the Brown Act.

**COMPENSATION:**

Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except they shall be paid reasonable per diem reimbursement of reasonable expenses for attending meetings and discharging other official responsibilities as authorized by the Commission.

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